

HB 45 -- CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS

SPONSOR: Lant

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill adds a local law enforcement officer of the city or county in which a criminal investigation of child abuse or neglect is pending to the list of individuals who may certify in writing to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services that there is a pending criminal investigation and the issuing of a decision by the division would adversely impact the progress of that investigation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will increase cooperation between law enforcement and child services and better protect sensitive investigations.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Lant.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.